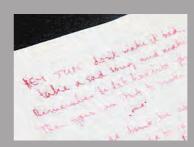




INSIDE THIS WEEK:



Blocked off 'rat run' road set to reopen



Woman's original Beatles notebook now at museum

Houses shaken by sonic boom

HOMES across West Lancashire were shaken yesterday morning (Tuesday) by what is believed to have been a sonic boom.

People in the area were left puzzled when they heard a loud noise and felt the earth tremor at around 11am.

It was around the same time that a Royal Air Force jet had been flying over the area.

Many people posted about the incident on social media after hearing the 'mini earthquake.'

There were similar reports from Merseyside, Greater Manchester and as far as Cheshire.

The British
Geological Survey said it was
most likely
caused by a
sonic boom,
which is a
sound associ-



An RAF jet was reportedly flying nearby at the time.

ated with shock waves created when an object travels through the air faster than the speed of sound.

It said: "Data from BGS seismic networks were examined and signals consistent with a possible sonic origin were recorded at that time.

"British Aerospace confirmed they did have an aircraft airborne at the time and two RAF aircraft but cannot confirm at this time if any had gone supersonic."

BINS LEFT UNEMPTIED DUE TO RATS MENACE

Council waste teams refused to collect from new housing development for a time because of vermin infestation

Report by **Henry James**

COUNCIL waste teams refused to collect from a new housing development in Scarisbrick for a time because they were concerned for their safety after an infestation of rats at the site.

Waste teams refused to go to the development off Otterstye View for their own safety due to the vermin problem and there were even reports that rats had actually been climbing into the cabs of vehicles. Angry residents told West Lancashire MP Rosie

Cooper that One Vision Housing who manage the estate, had failed to maintain the area and deal with the rat infestation.

the rat infestation.

The MP said: "This was an appalling situation which was then exacerbated with the council waste team refusing to collect the bins to protect their own safety having reportedly ended up previously with rats in their vehicle and are not willing to risk that happening again.

"Residents deserve better than this.

"I am glad to see that One Vision have taken action to resolve the rat problem, repairing the holes in the bin stores and rat baiting the area.

"The council have also replaced the original bins which had a drainage hole allowing the rats to get



The flats off Otterstye View in Scarisbrick on Southport Road.

inside, with ordinary household bins.

"Hopefully these actions will resolve this awful issue for my constituents who faced serious health and safety issues and no bin collection until the problem was resolved."

A spokesperson for One Vision Housing said: "One Vision Housing are aware of a disposal waste issue at their property on Southport Road that occurred in January.

"After being informed, specialists attended the site to fully resolve the issue with regular bin collections reinstated by the local council.

"One Vision Housing will continue to work closely with its customers and West Lancashire Borough Council, to ensure rubbish is stored and removed of safely."

A spokesperson for West Lancashire Borough Council said the following: "The council is committed to a clean and safe environment for residents and we will work with One Vision Housing to help them resolve this issue.

"We will arrange a site visit in order to review their waste procedures so that communal waste can continue to be collected safely."



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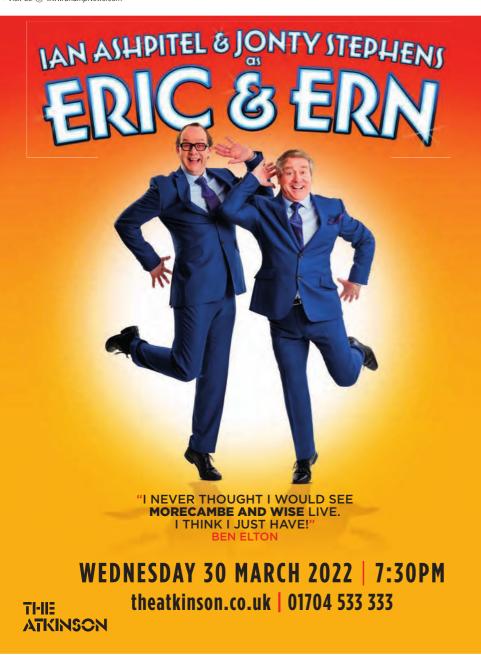
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E-scooters seized after complaints from pedestrians

Police warn it is illegal to ride them on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE have seized e-scooters in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale after complaints from members of the public that they were causing a nuisance on roads and pavements.

Officers took possession of an electric scooter which had been involved in anti social behaviour near the Concourse in Skelmersdale on Thursday, February 10, and seized another the following day in Ormskirk after complaints from residents.

West Lancashire Police have now issued a warning that riding e-scooters on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements is currently illegal in the UK. They posted on social media: "The only place an

e-scooter can be used is on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

"At the moment, they are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles, so are treated as motor vehicles and subject to all the same legal requirements - MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction. "So, because they don't always have visible rear

red lights, number plates or signalling ability, they

can't be used legally on the roads.

"The law covering e-bikes - which are battery-assisted pedal cycles - doesn't currently cover escooters, but the government wants to regulate them in a similar way in future.

Following the police posts on Facebook to say the e-scooters had been seized residents have been



The e-scooter seized in Ormskirk town centre

writing their support.

One person posted that "they are a menace to pedestrians. Get rid of them."

The Department for Transport wants e-scooter rental schemes - similar to those seen in European cities - tried out across the UK.

Riders wouldn't need to take out their own insurance to hire an e-scooter, but they would need a driving licence or at least a provisional one.

The hired vehicles could be used - legally - within

set geographical boundaries. But it would still be illegal to use a privately-owned e-scooter on a public road, even if you were in a trial area.



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Flags have been taken from Ormskirk Parish Church.

This time parish church in Ormskirk is targeted by stone thieves

More than 20 flags taken from path in the latest incident

Report by **Henry James**

ANOTHER church in West Lancashire has been targeted by thieves stealing York stone flags.

This time they have taken flags from Ormskirk Parish Church in Church Street, Ormskirk.

It was discovered that the flags had been taken on Tuesday, and they were stolen between Sunday night and

Tuesday morning.
The stones were of various sizes and ranged from flagstones to smaller

More than 20 stones were taken

from outside the church door.
Rev Bicknell, priest in charge at
Ormskirk Parish Church, said: "This
theft is distressing because it impacts
on the heritage, and access of the

"It is difficult to access the church

door now and it is also hard to access the churchyard.

"It also causes a huge financial hit for us as well at a time when money is tight for us anyway. It comes at a time when we have not been able to fundraise also."

Other churches have been impacted by the thieves.

In January, the Champion reported on how more than 100 stone flags were taken from outside the historic St Cuthbert's Church in Halsall.

It is believed the York stone flags had been in place in the churchyard for hundreds of years and could have a value of thousands of pounds.

A spokesman for the Diocese of Liverpool said: "The Diocese of Liverpool are extremely concerned about the spate of thefts at our churches

"It is clear that they are being targeted. We would ask the public to be vigilant and report suspicious activity to the police.

"This may seem like a victimless crime but it impacts our churches and disturbs the mission work that we do

in the ministry."

Lancashire Police have asked residents with information to call 101.

Beatles notebook owned by loo roll heiress to go on show at Liverpool museum

Item belonged to group's tour manager and contains lyrics handwritten by Paul McCartney to Hey Jude

Report by **Henry James**

A NOTEBOOK of draft lyrics written by the Beatles and owned by the daughter of a Skelmersdale businessman is to go on show in the museum in Liverpool dedicated to the group.

The notebook, which belonged to The Beatles' tour manager Mal Evans and includes Paul McCart-ney's handwritten draft lyrics for Hey Jude, was bought by Alan

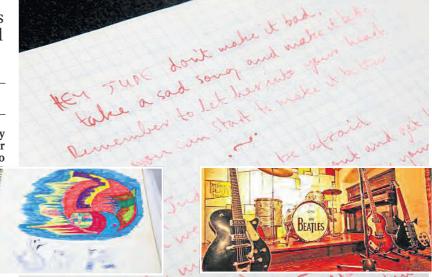
Murphy.

Mr Murphy, who ran the AM Paper toilet roll factory in Skelmersdale, bought the item at Sotheby's rock and pop memorabilia auction in 1998 for £100,000 because his daughter Davinia was playing 'Jude' in the toop drama Hollvoaks.

the teen drama Hollyoaks.

The rare notebook, now valued at more than £1million, compiled between 1967-68, also features a part-lyric for Sgt Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band, recording notes by George Harrison for All You Need Is Love as well as lyrics for a number of other songs including For The Benefit of Mr Kite, Good Morning Good Morning and All Together Now.

As well as lyrics, poetry and doodles, the notebook also includes a design for the famous Sgt Pepper drumskin featured on the cover of the record, and a list of other requirements for the song, including a 'piano painted for John'.



The Hey Jude lyrics and doodles in the notebook on display at The Beatles Story, inset

Liverpool-born Mal Evans was a telecoms engineer and part-time bouncer at The Cavern Club, and became one of The

Beatles trusted inner circle and stayed with the band throughout their career.

His appearance in Peter Jackson's recently released 'Get Back' documentary captivated viewers and showed his close relationship with The Beatles.

Described as the 'ultimate memento', the

item was put up at Sotheby's rock and pop memorabilia auction by Mal's widow Lily Evans in 1998, following the death of her husband in 1976 when he was killed by Los Angeles police after brandishing an air

Davinia said: "As a family we are absolutely delighted to be able to share this treasure worldwide

"As a Scouser and huge Beatles fan, my dad felt it was so important for the notebook to be available in his hometown of Liverpool and for everyone to enjoy these precious insights into the world's best

The story of Mal's relationship with the band after the recent 'Get Back' document-ary has sparked a keen interest from fans, and each page tells a story. Along with Paul's handwritten 'Hey Jude' lyrics, the notebook offers visitors a unique glimpse into their lives at the time " into their lives at the time."

The notebook will be on display for visitors to Liverpool's leading Beatles' attraction. The Beatles Story, from February 2002

Golf Club kept alive by 'hardy bunch of 12 members' is up for national award

BEACON Park Golf Club in Up Holland has been nominated for the England Golf Awards 2022 after it was kept alive by a "hardy bunch of 12

The West Lancashire course has been shortlisted in the category Sustainability Project of the

The organisers of the awards have said the club was kept alive by a "hardy bunch of 12 members" after part of the course was used for landfill and the condition of the land dwindled.

Investment in fresh equipment and greens in 2021 has encouraged former members to return and new golfers to arrive offering hope for the

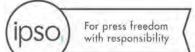
This year's virtual ceremony – hosted by broad-caster, journalist and avid golfer Naga Munchetty – will take place on Wednesday, April 20 from 6.30pm and be broadcast live on England Golf's YouTube channel.

Nominations were invited from the public for 10 of the 11 categories.

Performance of the Year candidates were nominated by England Golf staff.

An expert panel of 46 judges, made up of England Golf staff as well as industry and media colleagues, faced the unenviable task of narrowing down the potential winners from an outstanding longlist of nominations.





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Borough councillor 'dismayed' at county's plan to raise its share of council tax by 3.99%

'To assist our hard-up residents during the cost of living crisis we should not be proposing any increase'

Report by **Henry James**

A PROPOSED increase of 3.99% in Lancashire County Council's share of council tax bills has been criticised by a borough councillor who says it will cause hardship to many residents during the cost of living crisis.

Skelmersdale North Ward borough Councillor Neil Furey has spoken of his "disappointment and dismay" at the proposed rise which is set to be approved at a full council meeting tomorrow (Thursday).

Cllr Furey wrote in a letter to the county council's deputy leader Alan Vincent to state his "disappointment and dismay at this recommendation."

It added that "while there may well be a compel-

It added that "while there may well be a compelling case to increase council tax by the maximum-permitted 3.99%, it will cause a further significant financial burden for many of our residents."

The letter states: "In making this announcement

The letter states: "In making this announcement you have made absolutely no reference to the cost-of-living crisis facing this country.

"With our residents already facing a massive 54% increase in energy bills, a National Insurance hike, and increases in the cost of petrol and food, and record levels of inflation and interest rate rises.

"To date this Government's attempts to mitigate this crisis has been both weak and insufficient with



Councillor Neil Furey

the measures announced simply not strong enough.

"I therefore put it to you that due to the current cost-of-living crisis there is a more compelling case NOT to increase council tax for 2022/23.

"As such and to assist our hard-up residents we should not be proposing any increase in council tax."

"Neither should Lancashire County Council be imposing a council tax increase whilst still holding some £204 million in reserves.

"You have indicated that increasing Council Tax is 'a very difficult decision' for the council but what about the huge financial difficulties facing our residents from a cost-of-living crisis?

"I trust the council will carefully consider these

"I trust the council will carefully consider these points ahead of the budget meeting."

- See page 11 for more information about the 3.99% tax rise by the county council



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Road blocked off to stop it being used as 'rat run' by drivers is to reopen

Decision follows survey which found that most residents disagreed with move

Report by **Henry James**

A ROAD in Ormskirk which was blocked off at one end to prevent it from being used as a rat run will reopen after a consultation with residents.

Yew Tree Road has been temporarily closed off to through traffic by Lancashire County Council after complaints that it was being used as a 'rat run.'

That decision has now been reversed, however, after a consultation found that 62% of respondents opposed the closure and the road is set to reopen on Sunday, March 6.

Ormskirk County Councillor Nikki Hennessy said that traffic was being displaced to other roads as a result of the closure.

She said Scarisbrick Street, in particular, was particularly badly affected by increased traffic.

While speeding in the area remains a concern, a toucan crossing across the A59 will be installed adjacent to Yew Tree Road to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Cllr Hennessy added: "Speeding on Yew



Yew Tree Road in Ormskirk

Tree Road has been recognised as an ongoing concern and the council officer has agreed to look into solutions as a matter of urgency."

urgency."

Cllr Hennessy added that she accepted that people had opposing views on the matter and the issue had brought out "both the best and the worst on social media."

She said: "I am pleased to have contrib-

uted to the greater awareness of the contrasting personal views and experiences afforded by the consultation and correspondence leading to the recommendations which has been made by officers drawing on their expertise.

"Thank you to all who took part and to the officers who welcomed and supported my efforts to represent residents throughout."



The six players from the Men-Aces who will be playing in the Belfast tournament. They are with Mim and Carl Eaton.

Men-Aces to play in Belfast tournament

SKEM Men-Aces disability football team have been invited to play in a tournament in Belfast. Now the restrictions are easing it is hoped the team will have more fixtures in the coming

The tournament will take place in June. Men-Aces coach, Mim Eaton commented: "The tournament is over in Belfast and the lads will set sail on the June 22 for four days. This is a really big honour for the club and we are so proud of each one of the lads - Kevin Urquart, Sean Penc, Jack Winstanley, Mark and Mathew Hanson and Bradley Stockton.

"It's been a long two years but hopefully, Skem Men-aces Disability FC can bring back some normality to the squad. It's been mentally tiring trying to do what is best by looking after the welfare of the lads. Now that restrictions have eased, we are able to look for tournaments and games, then out of the blue we got an invite from Belfast to attend their tournament.

"This is a prestigious tournament and the lads for whom most have never been away from home before will meet teams from far and wide as well as meeting other challenges head-on. They will have to cope without their parents or carers, new experience, and a whole new adventure, away from their comfort zone."



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£40m worth of Covid grants given to business owners in West Lancashire

Money has helped struggling firms recover from pandemic

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Eclipse Health & Fitness, Hesketh Bank

Report by **Henry James**

MORE than £40million in Covid support grants have been handed out by West Lancashire Borough Council to struggling

firms since March 2020.

A total of 18 individual Covid business grant schemes have now been delivered over the last two years, with two further Omicron Grant schemes still open for applications. Councillor Adam Yates, cabinet member for

transformation and resources, said: "I'm really proud of the work of our

officers throughout the pandemic, as they have ensured that local businesses received grants as quickly as possible, as well as providing considerable support and advice to many of those that were struggling.

"In particular, the most recent Economic Recovery Grant scheme saw council officers helping businesses to review their operations and find ways of running their businesses more efficiently in the current economic conditions.

'I would therefore encourage businesses who fit the eligibility criteria, under the most recent Omicron Grant schemes, to contact the council for support, confident in the knowledge that West Lancashire Borough Council is here to help.

Local businesses who received funding from the Economic Recov-Grant, have expressed their gratitafter receiving financial support:

A spokesperson for Eclipse Health & Fitness,

in Hesketh Bank said: "Thank you to all at business grants from Eclipse, you have helped us during these tough times and without your support we would not have made it through. You get little credit for your hard work and we appreciate all you have done for us. So from a small business thank you very

A spokesperson for Jollie's Barn, in Mere Brow, added: "We, here at Jollie's Barn, just want to say a massive thank you to you and vour team.

"This grant has meant we can provide an extra service to our customers and build our business after the awful last two years. We couldn't have done it without your help".



The incident happened at around 12.55pm on Wednesday, February 2nd when a Vauxhall Meriva collided with a Fiat 500 near the junction of Clay Brow Road and Carfield in Skelmoredale Skelmersdale.

The driver of the Meriva, a man in his 70s from Skelmersdale, was taken to hospital but died on February 4. Sgt Martin Wilcock, of

the Serious Collision

Investigation Unit. said: "Very sadly the man involved in this collision died two days after he was admitted to hospital.

Police launch appeal after man

"I would appeal to anyone who saw the collision itself, or who has any CCTV or dashcam footage, to get in touch."

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Police set to recruit extra 509 officers to hit national target

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police is on track to meet a national target to recruit an extra 509 officers, boosting the number of resources available to 'fight crime and keep communities safe'.

Some of the officers are already on the beat, having completed all their initial training, while others are with student development units learning the skills they need to become a police officer.

Chief Constable Chris Rowley said: "I'm delighted that we are on course to meet our recruitment target. The Constabulary has worked hard to attract these new officers and they are a very welcome addition to our passionate workforce.

"Once fully trained, they will be deployed to locations where they can have the biggest impact on cutting crime and keeping people

and communities safe. Our success is based on our vision of what inclusion means to everybody in Lancashire and how this is translated and applied to the organisation in terms of meeting its purpose of keeping our communities

"We were ranked as the 4th most inclusive organisation in the Inclusive Top 50 UK Employers 2020/21 list and have been one of the Top 50 Inclusive Employers since 2018."

Andrew Snowden, Police and Crime Commis-

Andrew Snowden, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire said: "This is fantastic news for Lancashire and for the Constabulary.

"I've pledged to strengthen police officer numbers through the Government's uplift programme and it is great to see new officers joining teams across the county and making a positive impact on local communities.

"With recruitment set to continue, I am pleased to say that we are going to see further officers join the force to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour and to deliver against the priorities set out in my new Police and Crime Plan for Lancashire."

Change of owner for West Lancs-based Home Care Link Service

PROGRESS Lifeline has acquired the Home Care Link Service, which is based in West Lancashire.

Fiona Graham, head of housing & regulatory services at West Lancashire Borough Council said: "Following a review, we decided that a specialist provider would be better placed to deliver the necessary investment and expertise to ensure our Home Care Link Service continues at its best.

"We are delighted that the service is moving to such a high-quality provider, and we are confident that Progress Lifeline will develop and further enhance the service

across West Lancashire.
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Families in West Lancashire are rushing back to leisure facilities since the start of the year, with swimming lessons for the very young proving a particular hit at two centres operated by West Lancashire Community Leisure

(WLCL): Park Pool and the Nye Bevan Pool.

Both facilities run sessions for all ages, starting with the popular parent and baby classes, which start at three months old.

Local mum, Karen Laidler, whose two children attend Park Pool had this to say about the programme:

"My two have been at Park Pool since they were 4 months old. My eldest is 9 and is now working towards their Gold Certificate. My youngest is at Stage 2 and thoroughly enjoys the lessons.

I've seen a lot of great teachers at the pool over the years but have to give special praise to Mike O'Loughlin. He really gets to know the children and how to get the best out of each of them.

"The lessons have given my children the confidence when they are in water and taught them fantastic swimming technique. I also really like that I can track their progress on the free app supplied by Park Pool."



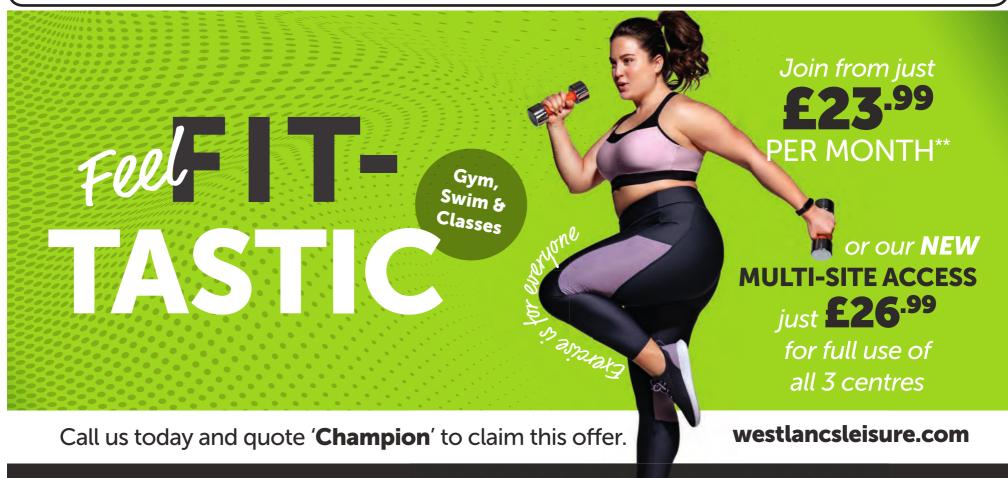
Mike added: "We're very proud of our swimming lesson programme. I've been doing this for 15 years, and we have several other team members who've been teachers for long periods. Teaching kids and adults this vital life skill is a pleasure, and it's the kind of job many people don't ever want to leave."

As well as popular pools, all three WLCL centres have state of the art gyms, Burscough Racquet and Fitness Centre Park Pool and Nye Bevan. All the gyms offer 7-day free trials so people can 'try before they buy', access to the free More Fitness app plus free gym programmes for all members provided by exercise experts.



Members also have free access to something called boditraxTM. This is a machine that looks a little like a Dalek but is a lot friendlier. Step on it, type in your height and boditraxTM will give you a complete run down of how healthy you really are, including the all-important metabolic age – the only age you can make go down!

So, visit www.westlancsleisure.com for more details on everything all three sites offer and make 2022 the year you do more!



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County council's tax bills set to rise by 3.99%

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS are in place to increase the Lancashire County Council element of the overall council tax bill for residents by 3.99%.

Members of Lancashire County Council's cabinet have agreed to make the recommendation to their precept after hearing the increase would include a 2% rise for adult social care.

The proposal is set to be approved at a full council meeting tomorrow (February 17).

Cabinet members at the County Council have recently been told that the medium term financial forecast had improved since last year, but the authority still faced a financial deficit year on year.

Latest figures show, subject to confirmation of final funding levels, a financial deficit of £21.7m is anticipated to be met from reserves in

 $2022/23,\ rather$ than the anticipated £30.5m.

However, the county council wants to identify savings during 2022/23 to reduce the funding gap in future years.

County Councillor Alan Vincent, deputy leader of the council, said: "Deciding on any rise in council tax is always a very difficult decision.

"The cabinet has carefully considered the council's ongoing financial situation, taking into account that like all councils we continue to face significant pressures

"After discussion it was decided to recommend to full council that this year's rise should be 3.99%, which importantly includes a 2% rise for adult social care, which will help ensure services for some of our most vulnerable residents are protected."

The above figures do not include the council tax charged by borough and parish or town councils, or the police and fire services.

Pupils give £3,400 boost to charities!

HALSALL St Cuthbert's CE Primary School has raised £3,400 for two charities.

The infant children performed two nativities while the junior children did three performances of Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Dreamcoat.
All events were a "tremendous" success.
The school sold tick-

the school sold tickets for the shows, organised several raffles and asked for donations.

Cheques for £1,700, have now been sent to both Alder Hey Hospital and Derian House.

Headteacher Doug Scholes enthused: "The staff and the children have been incredible once again. The parents just loved seeing the children perform with such enthusiasm and with great, big smiles on their faces.

"I'm sure that it made them really proud. The scenery, the dancing, the choreography and the singing were all just absolutely fabulous and were a great credit to the staff and the children. And a great, big thanks to the parents as well, for their amazing generosity."



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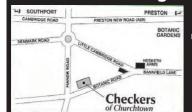
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By volunteering with the Scouts vou can make new friends and learn new skills

Scouts are at the heart of the community here in Ormskirk, helping young people step up and gain skills for

But this is only possible when we have enough volun-

teers to support them. Now, what I've found is that volunteering is good for

It's good for your skills and CV, your wellbeing and your local community too.

The research backs this up. Over three quarters of volunteers (77%) tell us they found volunteering improved their mental health and wellbeing, while two thirds say it makes them feel less isolated.

And we all need that in

these dark winter months.
Starting on February 22 we are starting a new campaign in Ormskirk called #Good-

This is all about sharing the fun and friendship of Scouts with a friend. Volunteers and young people in Scouts right across Ormskirk will be asking a mate to come along and try it for themselves.

So if someone asks you to come along – don't be shy. It's a chance to make new

friends, learn new skills and most importantly, have some

And that's a promise.

Ellie Simmonds. Paralympic Champion and Scout Ambassador

Our hospital services are being taken away by stealth

Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group is managing a consultation into the future of stroke services in Southport.

Years ago I was heavily involved in opposing the move of children's services, maternity, gynaecological and obstetric services from Southport Hospital to Ormskirk.

Of course we were never going to succeed.

The wheels were already in motion and it was inevitable that Southport would lose these services.

 $A \'{centre} of excellence\'{}, we were told, would treat our children at$

The truth is that many children are having to bypass Ormskirk and go direct to Alder Hey for their required paediatric treatment. It was clear that diverting services away from Southport was the beginning of the slippery slope as far as the future of our hospital was concerned.

How many Southport people - many elderly and relying on public transport are now faced with a lengthy journey to Ormskirk to attend an outpatient appointment

I am told that even for a relatively straightforward procedure like a chest X-Ray that only Ormskirk can now provide this ser-

Southport's Health services have been torn apart in recent years

and, unfortunately, I fear, that worse is still to come.
The recent takeover of Southport & Ormskirk hospitals by the St Helens hospital group creates the greater fear that in future we might well have to venture even further afield for just basic treat-

My main career was with the ambulance service and I am fully aware that today's highly trained paramedics are in a completely different league to those in my day but I do have the knowledge, and the experience, to know that the inside of a fast moving ambulance is not a good place to be carrying out life-saving treatment on a patient, particularly when the journey can be lengthy and traffic can be heavy.

I would always maintain that local A&E units should provide the necessary role of stabilising the patients condition and assessing when it might be beneficial for the patient to be transferred onwards to a specialised unit, if that is deemed to be in the patients best interests.

It is time our health services were built around common sense and the needs of the patients and the community.

Our local services have been cut back to a point where they are

close to being unfit for purpose
Enough is enough and it is time to stand up against diverting any
further services from our local hospital and concentrate on securing those that are still in place. Perhaps even bringing some back? The people of Southport and district - not forgetting the hard

working staff of Southport Hospital - deserve better than to have our hospital taken from us by stealth.

TERRY DURRANCE, AINSDALE

Concourse is the enemy of growth

Letter writer John Ramos stated that he wants dates

for the Concourse plans.
Don't hold your breath, John!

When plans are mooted for developments outside the Concourse, they submit similar plans to take the wind out of their sails.

When interest wains, the Concourse plans disappear.
Take these: 'A large supermarket where the multi-car
park is'; 'A new multi-storey car park behind McDonald's';

'A super cinema on the second floor serviced by new restaurants.'

The Concourse is Skelmersdale's biggest enemy to growth and development.

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Ged Norris

I'm delighted for the regiment

I am delighted that the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment will be exercising their Freedom of the Borough in Orm-

This event will occur just prior to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend and is a fitting prelude to that. I was the councillor who first approached the council

with the idea of granting the regiment the Freedom of the Borough all those years ago and I recall vividly the large crowds that turned out to greet the Regiment that October day in 2011.

They had not long been back from Afghanistan and the public's respect for our Armed Forces was rightly

Cllr Adrian Owens,

20mph speed limit ignored in village

I am sick of reading about West Lancashire Council and its inability to do any thing effective about anything.
Traffic pollution in Up Holland is

endemic, speed limits are ignored and roads are being pulverised by would be racing drivers.

A speed limit of 20mph is needed

and some police presence would be welcome. Are the police hiding in their new office?

A breakdown of living standards is obvious. Where do we go from here?

Graham Walker, Up Holland

Park path work can't be justified

Having just returned from my winter break, I re-started my daily exercise walk around Aughton last

Part of this walk takes in the Granville Park area.

I could not believe my eyes when I saw that Granville Park walkways have all been nicely re-tarred!

How can West Lancashire Borough Council justify this expense when it is cutting back on essential services due to Government funding reductions?
A lot of the walkways in Aughton

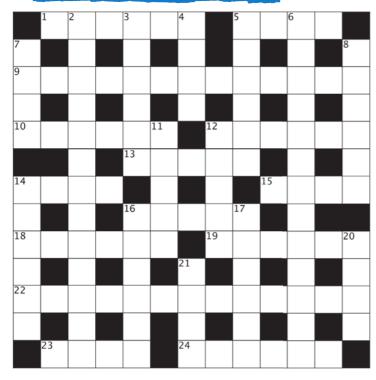
are in far greater need of repair or re-surfacing than Granville Park

ever was.

Please Michael Gove come to
Aughton and do some levelling up! It is badly needed here.

Douglas Fuller,

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 of a dress (6)
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 American animal (5)
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 Phalaenopsis or Cattleya
 for example (6)
 19. The church period before
 Christmas (6)
 22. Failing to fulfil
 expectations (13)
 23. Unit of speed equal to one
 nautical mile per hour (4)
 24. Bear-like (6)

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 2. Actress and former MP for Hampstead & Highgate (6,7)
 3. Major city of north west France (6)
 4. Sharp tasting or sour (4)
 5. Defeat someone by being more cunning or clever (6)
 6. A French army corps founded in 1831 (7,6)
 7. A shade of blue (4)
 8. A small garden building (6)
 11. To hold and use a weapon (5)
 12. Former name of Myanmar (5)
 14. Long, narrow inlets with steep sides, created by a glacier (6)
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 17. A beautiful youth in Greek mythology (6)
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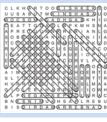
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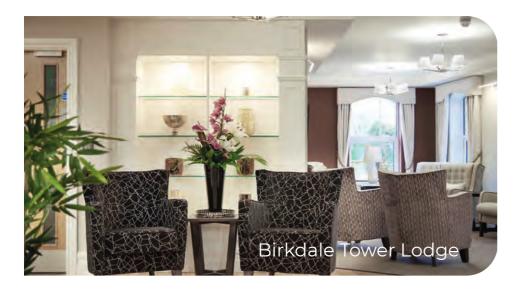




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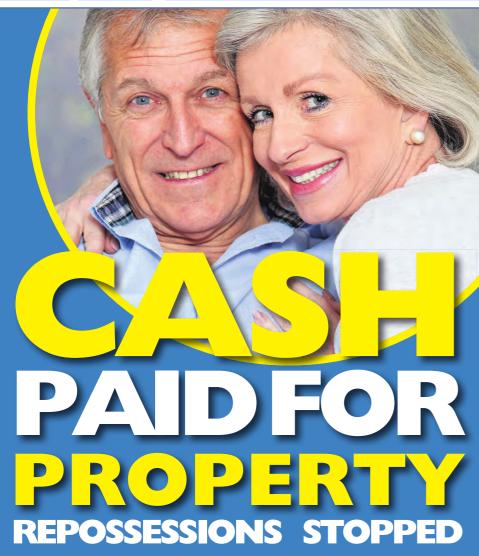


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Elliott scores his second for Skem. Picture by Gordon Johnson

Morris double keeps title dream alive as Skem ease past Northwich Victoria

Skelmersdale United 2 Northwich Victoria 0

ELLIOTT Morris scored twice to keep Skelmersdale United firmly in the title race, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.
Goals in the 28 and 84 minute by livewire for-

ward Morris gave Skem a victory that keeps them snapping at the heels of North West Counties League Premier Division leaders Macclesfield.

The first-half was not exceptionally inspiring from both teams perspectives producing not a great deal in the way of goalmouth action.

It took a bit of quality to break the deadlock and it arrived just before the half-hour mark, Morris being played into space behind the Victoria backline and giving former Skelmersdale goalkeeper Chris Cheetham no chance with an excellent slotted finish to make it 1-0 to Skelmersdale.

Further opportunities came for Skem, but Michael Howard and Morris couldn't double the advantage, the best opening for the visitors falling

to Brandon Barski. The second-half was a different proposition Northwich opened up and went for an equaliser and Skelmersdale sought to secure the points with at least one more goal.

As the game entered the last 30 minutes Skem

again went close, Cheetham saving well from Howard.

Finally six minutes from the full time whistle, Skelmersdale got that second goal that allowed them to breathe a little easier. A quickly taken throw-in caught Northwich out and the ball was crossed low into the six yard box for Morris to flick the ball past Cheetham for 2-0.

Skelmersdale deserved their three points against a Northwich side who posed a potential banana skin to their promotion hopes.

Next matches:

Skem vs Barnoldswich Town. Saturday, February

19. Kick off 3pm. Ashton Athletic vs Skem. Tuesday, February 22. Kick off 7.45pm.

McNamara is spot on to help Linnets edge out Remyca

Litherland Remyca 0 Burscough 1

IT was definitely a tale of two penalties as Burscough visited Litherland Sports Park and came away with a second win in four days on Saturday, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

Burscough scored one and had to thank goalkeeper Joe Mason for saving one.

Although occupying bottom place in the North West Counties Premier Division, Litherland posed stronger opposition for Paul Bowes Linnets than might appear the nets than might appear the

The first-half was entertaining and could easily have finished with around six goals shared out rather than the blank score sheet.

After only eleven minutes Linnets young goalkeeper Joe

Mason who was replacing the injured Jack Reynolds in the Linnets line up for the second time made a fine double save to keep out Oscar Billington and Ryan Cox.

Down the other end Burscough threatened and home goalkeeper Ryan Jones made three top saves, the lat-ter a particularly good one from Tom McNamara

Three minutes into the second period Remyca won a penalty but Mason saved Paul Speed's spot kick and also kept out the rebound.

Around the hour mark Mason made three saves, Billington, Cox and John Foy the players thwarted.

On 64 minutes, Burscough bagged what was to prove the winner and the only goal of the game, McNamara beating keeper Jones from 12 yards McNamara

out to break the deadlock. As the game entered the last twenty minutes Remyca continued to press but Burscough held on.

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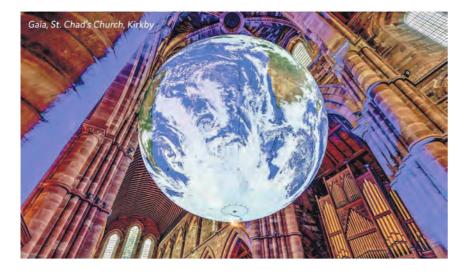
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There will also be more announcements soon about more leisure, food, drink and clothing stores to open including a Benetton Childrenswear store which will open their doors in Kirkby.





As part of Knowsley's year as the Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture Year, Kirkby has already hosted Aqualux – a stunning 8-metre wide light installation in the town centre – and Gaia, an enormous 3D replica of earth housed in St Chad's Church.

An exhibition by world renowned illustrator Sir Quentin Blake will run through to April at Kirkby Gallery.

An array of free, family-friendly activities and events will be taking place throughout the year.

But that's not all. A multi-screen cinema scheme, including food and drink outlets, will also be coming to Kirkby!

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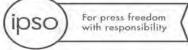
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6th February 2022
Passed away peacefully
surrounded by her
loving family
at Alsley Lodge
Care Home, Rufford
Aged 89 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Thomas.
Loving Mum to Stephen and Robert, much loved Mother-in-Law, Nan, Great Nan and treasured Sister, who will be missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service
to take place at
West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough on
Thursday 24th
February 2022 at 1pm
Family flowers only
but donations if so
desired can be made
to Derian House
Children's Hospice
c/o the Funeral
Director

Enquiries to Neal Buckley Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, PR46UQ. Tel 01772 301700 DEATHS

HORAN Sheila

Peacefully, in hospital on 31st January aged 87 years

Much loved Wife of the late James, Loving Mum of Stephen Dear Mother-in-law of Anne. Loving and Caring Grandma of Jemma & Claire. Grandma-in-law of lain and Martin & Great-Grandma to Jessica. Dear Sister of the late Jean A much-loved Aunt to all her Nieces and Nephews. Sheila will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church, Brompton Road on Thursday 24th February 2022 at 11.30am followed by a committal at Southport Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for The Alzheimer's Society.

Further enquiries to Porters Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BH Tel: 01704 212714. DEATHS

DAVIES Jean

On 5th February 2022
In hospital
aged 82 years
Former volunteer at
The R.S.P.C.A
shop Southport

Beloved Wife of the late Eddie. Loving Mum of Mary, Barbara and Edward. Dear Mother-in-law of Jon and Graham. Much loved Gran of Daniel Jessica Hannah and Owen Great gran of Evie and Eliza. Loving Sister of Barbara & Mike. Jean will be sadly missed by all her Nieces and Nephews and all who knew her.

Funeral service to take place at St. Peters Church, Birkdale on Friday 25th February at 1pm. Followed by the interment at Duke Street Cemetery. Family flowers only by request Donations if so desired can be made to R.S.P.C.A (Southport, Ormskirk and District Branch).

Donations and further enquires please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

THOMAS Patricia

Passed away peacefully at Lakeside View Nursing Home on the 6th February 2022, aged 87 years

Patricia will be sadly missed by her family friends and all that knew her.

Funeral service will be held at Southport Crematorium on Friday 25th February at 1pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to be made if desired to Cats Protection.

All enquiries to Southport Funeral Care Ltd Independent Funeral Directors 25/27 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR8 5AB Tel 01704 547274

NEWSHAM

ELIZABETH 'Brenda'

On 4th February 2022 Aged 83 years

Passed away peacefully at Elm House

Dearly loved Wife of Jim. Devoted Mum of Philip and Alexander. Loving Mother-in-law of Heather.

TH JAMES Na' Jim'

On 5th February 2022 Aged 87 years

> Passed away peacefully at Byng House

Dearly loved Husband of Brenda. Devoted Dad of Philip and Alexander. Loving Father-in-law of Heather.

Precious Grandma and Grandpa to all their beautiful grandchildren.

The funeral service will take place at Emmanuel Church on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 9.45am.
Followed by a private committal at Southport Crematorium.
Family flowers only by request.
Donations if so desired can be made to Emmanuel Church.

Donations and further enquires please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel.01704 214118

INGRAM Barbara

on 10th February 2022 In hospital aged 89 years

Beloved Wife of the late Gordon Stanley Ingram. Dearly loved Mum of Stuart, Paul, Janet and Andrew.

A private family funeral will take place at Southport Crematorium. In lieu of flowers the family kindly ask for donations in Barbara's memory to go to Southport Offshore Rescue Trust or Queenscourt Hospice.

Donations and further enquires please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

TREVOR HAIGH

Died peacefully at home on the 28th of January aged 71

Beloved Husband of Christine. Much loved Dad of Rebecca, Stephanie and Caroline, fondly thought of by Lynne & Lucy, Daughters of Christine and loving Grandad to 8 grandchildren.

The funeral service will take place at St John's the Baptist church on February 23rd, and the committal will take place at West Lancs crematorium. In lieu of flowers the family are gratefully receiving donations

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hospice.

SHEILA CATHERINE on 3rd February 2022

WOOSEY

on 3rd February 2022 Peacefully in hospital Aged 75 years

Beloved Wife of the late David. Loving Mum to Steven. Dear Mother-in-law to Sarah and loving Nanna to Holly and Max.

Funeral service and committal to take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 2pm Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired can be made to The British Lung Foundation.

Donations and further enquires please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118

PARKER Alma

Died peacefully at home on 10th February 2022, aged 86 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Jack Parker. Much loved Mother of Charles, John (deceased) and Anne and Mother in law of Bernadette, Fiona and Carl. Much loved Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Further enquiries to David Wilkinson, Independent Funeral Directors 291 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

FANNING David James

31st January 2022 Aged 56 years

Lost his life in a road traffic collision whilst out riding his bicycle. Much loved brother of Claire and son of the late Brenda and Jim He will be dreadfully missed by all of his family and friends. The funeral will take place at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 1pm. Enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough.

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MANNION TNNY

peacefully on 5th February 2022 aged 92 years

The dearly loved Husband of his deceased Wife Maria Father of Rosa. Annette and Anthony Partner of Mary. Father-in-law of Gerard. Philip and Alison and Grandpa of Dominic, Gregory, Guy and Madeleine. Tony will be sadly missed also, by his Sister Phyllis and family.

Requiem Mass at SS Peter and Paul's Church, Crosby on Monday 28th February at 10.45am followed by Interment at Ford Cemetery.

Donations if desired to Jospice International, Thornton c/o Coyne **Bros Funeral Directors** 3, Old Mill Lane, Formby L37 3PE Tel. 01704 873899

WILLIAMS RONALD (RON)

nouncements

of Formby **Passed away Peacefully** on 27th January 2022 at Aintree Hospital aged 76 years

Devoted Husband to Julie Devoted Father to Steve and Father in law to Rachel. Treasured Grandfather to David and John, Also a dear Brother, Brother in law and friend.

Funeral service to take place at St Luke's Church, on Monday 28th February 2022 at 11:30am, Followed by a private family committal at Thorton Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers are gratefully received for Scope.

All enquiries to Formby FuneralCare, 58 Brows Lane, Formby, L37 4ED, 01704 878480

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ALLEN MARY

20th January 2022 **Aged 83 years** of Tarleton

Dearly loved Wife of Ken Much loved Mum of Theresa, Loving Nan to Carl, Joe & Zak. Dear Grandmother-in-law to Helen & Laura. Great-Grandmother to Tasha, Charlotte, Joshua, Nathan & Libby and Great-Great

Requiem Mass at Our Lady's Church, Tarleton on Tuesday 1st March at 12.30pm, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

Grandmother to Olivia.

Donations and further enquiries please to Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough.

Tel: 01704 891555

JONES **ELIZABETH AMELIA** (LIL)

10th February 2022 Aged 88 Years

Passed away peacefully after a short illness Beloved Wife of the late Derek. Loving Mum of Christine Malcolm Diana. Helen and the late David. Adored Nana to all of her Grandchildren. Lil will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service at St Simon & St Jude with all Souls Church, Southport at 10:30am on Wednesday 23rd February followed by private family burial at Duke Street Cemetery. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired are being received for Queenscourt Hospice.

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR Tel: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

PORTER SONJA MAY

Suddenly at home on 28th January 2022

Dearly beloved Wife of the late John. Much loved Mum of John and Amanda. Dear Mother-in-law to Lisa and Joe. Devoted Grandma of Joe, Alice, Leah, Evie and Olive. Loving Sister of Viv.

Sonja will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 25th February at 3.00pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations

Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street Southport PR8 6SG Tel. 01704 501501.

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RUTTER RAYMOND

"RAY"

DEATHS

Passed away peacefully on 2nd February 2022 aged 81 vears

Beloved Husband of Cath. Loving Father to Sharon, Yvonne and Barry and Stepdad to Donna, Gary and Kevin. Much loved Grandad to Thomas, Connor, Alicia and Miles

Ray will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service to held at Holy Trinity Parish Church Tarleton on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 11am followed by interment at St Mary's graveyard. Family flowers only but donations if so desired can be made

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HOLMES PETE

Passed away on 7th February 2022 neacefully at home surrounded by his family after a long illness very bravely borne

Beloved Husband of Lynne. Much Loved Dad of Chris and Gary and Father-in-Law of Laura.

Funeral Service and

Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 28th February 2022 at 2pm. Family flowers only by request please but donations if desired to Northern Greyhound Rescue.

All enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road. Churchtown. Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430. DAVID WILKINSON INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS



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2nd Prize	£100		Mrs J Keelan			
3rd Prize	£50	039821	Mrs Rose Mary Rens			
		083336	Mrs A Higham			
4th Prize	£10	042681, 784154	, 036649, 656404 & 9000014			

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21021	28153			
227173	27116			
28613	374149			
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10137	12345			
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (U1080 BLINDMANS LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)

WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have
made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to
temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length
of U1080 Blindmans Lane, Ormskirk from A570 S outhport Road,

Scarisbrick for a distance of 150m in a South Westerly direction

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Friday 4th March 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for residents will be maintained whenever and

wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: 4. An alternative foucier for vehicular dantic affected by the Closure is vic A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick – A5147 Gorsuch Lane, Scarisbrick – A5147 Halsall Road, Halsall – C107 North Moor Lane, Halsall – C107 Asmall Lane, Halsall – C107 Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick

and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow tree cutting works and a telegraph pole safety test to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT.

deflair of F. Authority given for this Order to be made: Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34681/EW]



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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (U1004 DELPH LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of U1004 Delph Lane, Aughton from a point 140m S outh West of its junction with C 122 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton for a distance of 110m in a S outh Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying

out of the works. 3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Tuesday 1st

March 2022 until 1700 hours on Sunday 10th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access to properties within the closure will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C122 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton - U1048 Delph Park Avenue, Aughton – C121 Winifred Lane, Aughton – U1054 Granville Park,

Aughton - C121 Winifred Lane, Aughton C121 Winifred Lane, Aughton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential building works to be carried out by R ope Resources Ltd.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport. 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34592/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (C162 BANK BROW, UP HOLLAND WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to

Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C162 Bank Brow, Up Holland from C162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge to U1167 Ayrefield Road, Up Holland.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying

out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1600 hours on unday 6th March 2022 or until completion of the works within this eriod. Access for residents will be maintained whenever and

period. Access for residents will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:C162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge – C 162 Appley Lane North,
Appley Bridge – B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – A5209 Hall
Lane, Wrightington – A5209 S parrow Hill, Parbold – A5209 Parbold Hill,
Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – C161 Higher Lane, Dalton –
C161 Beacon Lane, Dalton – C 161 Mill Lane, Up Holland – A577 Dingle
Road, Up Holland – C162 College Road, Up Holland – C162 S toney
Brow, Up Holland – C162 Roby Mill, Up Holland and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is peressary to allow tree cutting and The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow tree cutting and verhead cabling works to be carried out by S unbelt R entals UK on

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and
Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref. HRiT/34629/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (U275 BLACK MOSS LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length

of U275 Black Moss Lane, Scarisbrick from A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick for a distance of 170m in a North Westerly direction.

S carisbrick for a distance of 170m in a North Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 21st February 2022 until 1600 hours on Monday 4th April 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. Access for vehicles in excess of 7.5t will be permitted through the closure area due to 7.5t weight restriction beyond Booker Food Services.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-A570 S outhport Road, S carisbrick – B5243 J acksmere Lane, S carisbrick and vice versa.

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The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow infrastructure installation and footway construction works to be carried out by Road Safety Services in conjunction with Eccleston Homes Ltd.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref. HR IT./33842/EW]



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West Lancashire Borough Council Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
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The application affects a Listed Building. 2022/0103/FUL Vanation of Condition No 8 relating to Plann

2022/0103/FUL Variation of Condition No 8 relating to Planning Permission 2015/0736/FUL to amend hours of opening to 24 hours 7 days per week at 3 Hattersley Way, The Hattersley Centre, Ormskirk. The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss atternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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I suspect the upgrade valuation is cobblers!



THE COST of everything, you might have noticed, is going up a bit. Even so, asking for a mark-up in the region of two thousand per cent seems a bit much.

Don't worry, you haven't accidentally zoned out of this week's Champion and into an economics lesson delivered by a Zimbabwean bank manager - no, this is still very much a column about cars. It just so happens that the car in question, apparently, is worth £5,000 now and a cool £108,000 in the not-so-far future. To put that in petrolhead terms, that's a second-hand Fiesta to a brand new 911 Carrera 4S, plus a couple of boxes on Porsche's options list ticked off.

That, according to a press release doing the rounds last week, is the increase in your classic car's value should you be brave enough to convert it to running on electricity.

You'll probably already be aware that Britain's effectively outlawing the sale of brand-new cars that run on petrol and diesel at the end of the decade, and that it's doing all that it can to encourage you to swap your 18-plate Golf for a shiny new, zero-emissions ID3 at some point. As a result sales of electric cars, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, have doubled over the past 12 months. It's also true that there are several manufacturers and independent specialists who will convert your old car to run on batteries too - there's even a TV show about it, as anyone who's tuned in to watch Vintage Voltage will already know.

The figures in question claim that should you have an MGB roadster worth about £5000 which I reckon is a bit optimistic these days for a good one, but there you go - it'll be worth 911 money if you convert it into electric. Now, that's roughly what an RBW Roadster – an excellent all-electric sports car based on a brand-new MG heritage bodyshell – will set you back, but it does not mean your five-grand MG is worth Porsche prices if you whip out the ancient old



B-series and stick an electric motor in instead. The press release also suggests that if you've got an old Mini worth £10,000, converting to it to electric will make it worth £80,000 - which, weirdly, is exactly what BMW will charge if you ask it to carry out the changes. It goes on to claim that the minicabber's favourite, the Nissan Bluebird, will be worth £40,000 if it's given a zero-emissions makeover.

Funnily enough, I actually asked Wheeler Dealers presenter Mike Brewer about this a few months ago and he came to the exact same conclusion that I had. So far, no one has ever sold an electric classic car in an auction, so we have no idea whether someone really will pay north of £100,000 for an electric MGB. Or silly money for a tarted-up Nissan Bluebird, for that matter.

In other words – and I suspect the poor people behind this particular press release already know this, because they've come in for a bit of pasting for it on social media - it's cobblers.

There are some brilliant electric cars, including expertly done twists on the old ones, out there, but don't think it'll make it worth two thousand per cent more than it was.

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